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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/587,318

Art Unit: 3762

Filed: June 5, 2000

Examiner: Evanisko, George Robert

For: MULTIPLE SELECTABLE FIELD/CURRENT-VOLTAGE PADS HAVING
INDIVIDUALLY POWERED AND CONTROLLED CELLS

REPLY BRIEF

In response to the Examiner's Brief, dated February 9, 2005, kindly consider the
following:

The Examiner's comments indicate that the Examiner is requiring an Appeal Brief under
the old rules rather than the new format dictated by the Rule changes effective September 13,
2004. See, for example, rule changes published in the USPTO OG Notices of September 7,
2004. Further, see, paragraph (9) that clearly provides:

(9) The grouping of claims requirement set forth in former Rule 192(c)(7) is removed. The general purpose served... is addressed in ... Sec. 41.37(c)(1)(viii).
The existing grouping of claims requirement has led to many problems... (i)...
(ii)... (iii) examiners disagreeing with the appellant's grouping of claims.
(emphasis supplied).

In the present case, the Examiner has objected to the Applicant's statement that all do not
stand or fall together. However, such a statement is no longer required. Each claim is distinct

and unique and, therefore, they do not stand or fall together. The Applicant's separate arguments for each claim emphasize this point.

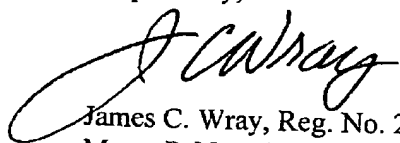
The Examiner argues in several places, for example, page 18 - 19, that the references in general teach healing. However, the healing of the cited references is different from the healing of the present invention, which is performed in a unique way. Each of the references cited by the Examiner uses a large device to treat several different parts of the body simultaneously. The devices of the cited references are multiple cells treating various parts of the body. The various cells of the cited references are operated independently. In contrast, the Applicant uses a small, concentrated pad to treat an individual wound with several different outputs with controls for separately controlling application of power to each cell on a single, compact pad. In the Applicant's invention, all cells are located on a single base that fits over an individual wound, not on remote cells.

Thus, the Applicant's invention is patentable under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103.

CONCLUSION

Reversal of the Examiner and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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